

Forest Conference

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removal, the DER's Gordon Hiller cautioned landowners that the Clean Steams Law was amended in 1972 to include soil erosion and sedimentation.

"Sediment is the greatest pollutant, by volume, in the U.S. today," Hiller said, adding that waterborne soil particles also carry fertilizers and pesticides, and promote flooding by reducing a stream's water carrying capacity.

Important factors to consider prior to timber removal include soil type (of which Pa. has about 200, Hiller said), slope, stream locations, seeps and spongy areas and road locations. Roads should have drainage ditches, and water

bars and culverts where necessary, Hiller pointed out. He also recommended that they be open to sunlight to promote drying.

The afternoon session was devoted to enumerating the services, both public and private, available for managing and marketing timber. Leading off was the Bureau of Forestry's William Corlett who pointed out that the Bureau has some 40 foresters statewide who are available to all forest landowners for timber management counseling.

Each landowner is entitled to four days of the Bureau forester's time each year, Corlett said, although the Bureau will not become involved in the actual marketing

phase. To handle commercial transactions, Corlett advised landowners to seek the services of a consulting forester.

Forestry consultant Donald Heverling, of Lebanon Valley Timberlands in Lebanon, was on hand to outline the services provided by private consulting firms. Heverling pointed out that the largest part of his workload involves timber sale administration.

"This service easily pays for itself", he noted, adding that the consulting forester will not only be aware of what the product is worth, but also where to find potential buyers.

In addition to direct marketing, the duties of the consulting forester, as delineated by Heverling, include timber stand improvement, the drafting of forest management plans, forest

inventories, and appraisals, and tree planting.

Outlining the services available from pulpwood companies and sawmills was Charles Brown of the Glatfelter Pulpwood Company of Spring Grove. Brown pointed out that such companies offer services similar to those offered by the Bureau and independent consultants, except that no fees were normally included since the timber

would be sold to the company employing the consultant.

In closing comments the Pa. Forestry Association's Ken Olenderski, concluded that the non-profit Association, formed in 1870, is devoted to the wise use of renewable forest resources. About 60 landowners, representing more than 3,000 acres of forestland, attended the conference.



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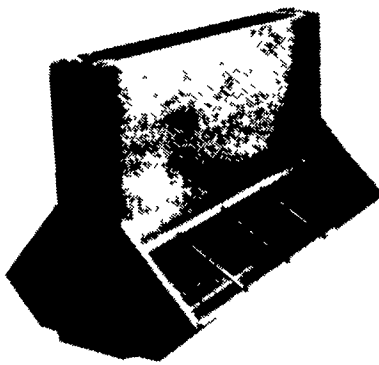
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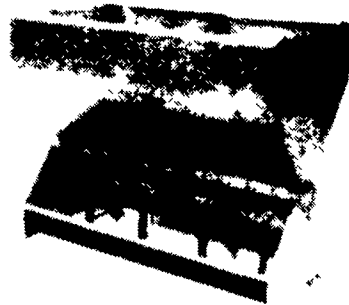
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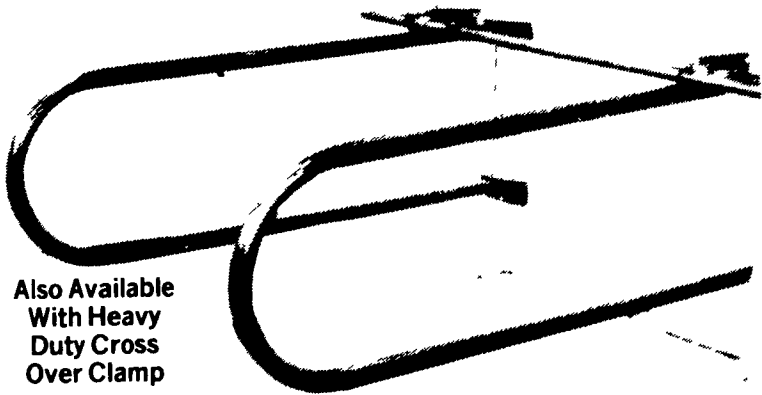
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